

## ABSTRACT

An instrument for placing U-shaped surgical clips comprising a magazine that has a distal and a proximal end in which several clips are arranged one behind the other in a guide that can be pushed in longitudinal direction. On the lower side of the magazine, a feeding plate which by means  
5 of flexible lugs is in contact with the back sides of the clips and can be pushed forwards and backwards by means of a pushing device over at least a distance between one clip and the next clip parallel to the guide of the magazine is provided. The movement of pushing forward shifts all the clips in the direction of the distal end of the magazine. When the feeding plate is  
10 pushed forwards, the pushing device contacts said feeding plate at a point which is at a distance of at least half a length of the feeding plate away from the proximal end of the feeding plate.

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